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SUBJECT: CRUZEIRO DEVALUATION

1. EFFECTIVE MAY 3, THE CRUZEIRO WAS DEVALUED BY 2.52 PERCENT, THE FIFTH CHANGE OF THE YEAR. THE CUMULATIVE DEVALUATION OF THE CRUZEIRO FOR 1977 WAS THUS INCREASED TO 11.039 PERCENT, WHILE THE DEPRECIATION FOR THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS AMOUNTED TO 32.14 PERCENT. THE LAST CRUZEIRO DEVALUATION WAS MADE 29 DAYS AGO. THE NEW RATES ARE 13.63 CRUZEIROS TO THE DOLLAR FOR BUY AND 13.70 FOR SELL.

2. COMMENT: THE CUMULATIVE DEVALUATION OF THE CRUZEIRO THROUGH EARLY MAY LAGGED INTERNAL INFLATION BY 4 TO 5 PERCENTAGE POINTS. INFLATION DURING THE FIRST QUARTER (AS MEASURED BY THE GENERAL PRICE INDEX) CAME TO 11.5 PERCENT AND IS EXPECTED TO EXCEED 15.0 PERCENT WHEN THE APRIL FIGURES ARE PUBLISHED. SHOULD THIS TREND IN THE GAP BETWEEN THE DEVALUATION OF THE CRUZEIRO AND INTERNAL INFLATION CONTINUE FOR THE REST OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE YEAR, THE COMPETITIVINESS OF THE BRAZILIAN CURRENCY WOULD BE FURTHER ERODED DURING 1977. IT IS GENERALLY EXPECTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE RATE OF INFLATION WILL SLOW DOWN A BIT IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR AND THIS SHOULD PERMIT THE EXCHANGE AUTHORITIES TO GAIN GROUND FOR THE CRUZEIRO BY MAINTAINING THE RATE OF

DEVALUATION RELATIVELY UNCHAGED AS INTERNAL
INFLATION COMES DOWN.
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